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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

OF MISSISSIPPI et al.,

Plaintiffs,

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MERRILL LYNCH & CO. INC. et al.,

Defendants.

JED S. RAKOFF, U.S.D.J.

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ORDER

The parties in this case have informed the Court that they reached a settlement, subject to Court approval. <u>See</u> Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e). Accordingly, as communicated to the parties in a joint telephone conference held with the Court on October 21, 2011, the parties must submit by December 5, 2011 the signed stipulation of settlement and motion papers requesting the Court's preliminary approval of the proposed settlement. All other proceedings in this case are hereby stayed, but if the aforementioned submissions are not received on or before December 5, 2011, all proceedings will recommence in accordance with the Case Management Plan dates plus 45 days.

SO ORDERED.

JED S. RAKOFF, U.S.D.J.

Dated: New York, New York

October 26, 2011